THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 29th March 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—STATEMENT *RE* NEW MINISTERS.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, before we begin the proceedings of the House, I have got to make an announcement for the information of the hon. Members. The Madras Council of Ministers has been increased by five more members. They are: The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty, the Hon. Sri Kala Venkata Rao, the Hon. Sri T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar, the Hon. Sri V. Kurmayya and the Hon. Mr. Daniel Thomas. Their respective departments have already been published and if any hon. Member wants any further information on this subject, I shall be very glad to give him."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I am sure the House will welcome the new team as also the old Ministers who came into existence a few days back and I am sure the House would feel highly gratified that three of its members are on the Cabinet. I wish them Godspeed."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Who is the Leader of the House, Sir?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" My humble self has been asked to be the Leader of the House."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Why the Hon. Sri Madhava Menon has resigned his leadership of the House?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" May I inform the hon. Member that Hon. Sri Madhava Menon was never the Leader of the House."

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Re-employment of retired persons.

* 115 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the services of all retired officials, either re-entertained for a definite period or given extension of service, have all been terminated;

(*b*) whether there are any still in service whose retention has been considered necessary for special reasons and, if so, what they are and what the reasons for extension are; and